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JULY

SUPERMAN

ACTION

COMICS

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THE MAN OF
STEEL FIGHTS FOR
TWO WORLDS AS

SUPERMAN
★ SUPERSTARS ★

CONTINUES!

Writer

GAIL SIMONE

and artist

EDDY BARROWS

return to Superman
for a three-part adventure
set in the early days of
his crime fighting career!

Plus, a Lois Lane story from
New York Times bestselling
writer **RAINBOW ROWELL**
and artist **CIAN TORMEY!**

METROPOLIS.







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CHAPTER ONE

POWERLESS

The planet Earth has long been home to individuals with powers and abilities beyond those of normal humankind. These so-called metahumans touch all corners of society...some using their gifts to better the world, others seeking only chaos and destruction. Over the years, some humans have sought to rein in this immense power to reassert humanity's destiny and control the fate of planet Earth--and one woman has fought for this with more zeal than anyone alive: Amanda Waller. With the Justice League disbanded, and two new allies by Waller's side--Failsafe and the Brainiac Queen--this Trinity of Evil stands poised to take the power back from the metahumans of Earth once and for all...

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Superman created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. Superboy created by Jerry Siegel. Supergirl based on the characters created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. By special arrangement with the Jerry Siegel family.

KEYSTONE CITY.
28 HOURS EARLIER.

YES, MY
BACK IS SORE. NO
MORE CAMPING OUT,
PAL. I'M TOO OLD TO
BE SLEEPING ON A
FOREST FLOOR
FOR A WEEK.

**ANIMAL
GIRL**

**ANIMAL
MAN**

HA! FINE.
NEXT TIME, WE
GLAMP, OLD
MAN.

FROM: THE HALL OF ORDER
TO: THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Today, humanity triumphs.

THAT'S IT.
YOU'RE BANNED FROM
MY FUNERAL.

OH MY
GOD!

HEY, WHAT'S
WITH THE CROWD?
THEY DON'T LOOK
MUCH IN A SELFIE
MOOD--

DO
SOMETHING!

THWOK

GNNGH!:

WHAT THE
HELL...?

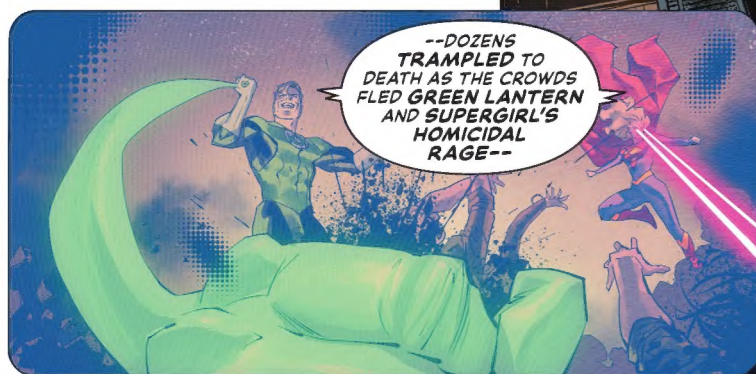
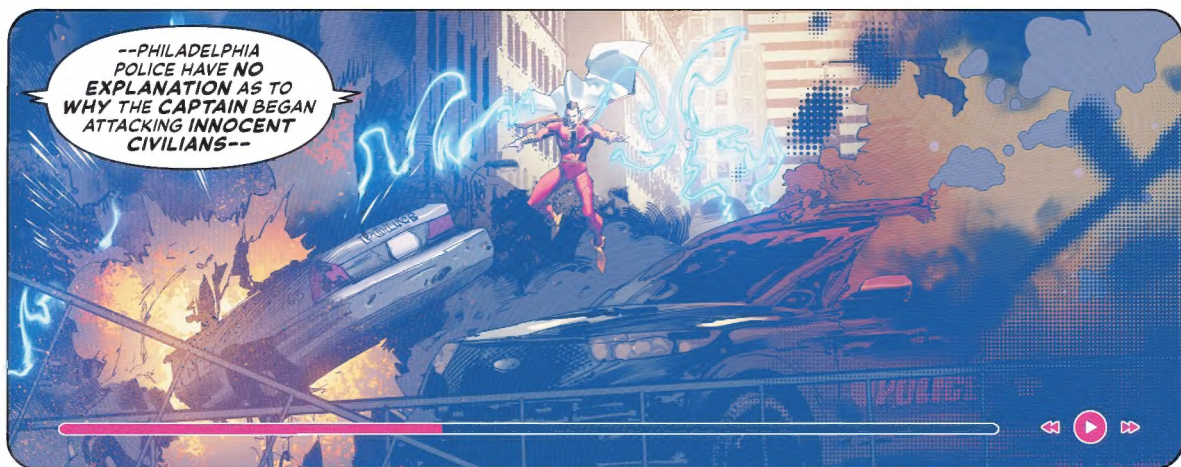
GET
'EM! GET
'EM BEFORE
THEY GET
US!

YOU
WANNA JUST LIE
DOWN AND DIE LIKE
THE OTHERS?
I SURE DON'T!

YOU SAW
WHAT THEY'RE
ALL DOING, MAN!
THEY'LL KILL
US!

MONSTERS!
MURDERERS!







--NO
EXPLANATION AS
TO WHY FIRESTORM
WENT BERSERK
INSIDE A CITY
HOSPITAL--



--WITH BLUE
BEETLE'S VICTIMS
ESTIMATED IN THE
DOZENS--

--BARELY ESCAPED AN
ANGRY MOB WITH MY
LIFE, HAWKMAN! THIS
IS A.I. RUN AMOK!
THE INTERNET, THE
AIRWAVES--

FLASH

--A GLOBAL
BLIZZARD OF
MANUFACTURED
FOOTAGE HAS BEEN
CIRCULATING FOR
THE LAST 72
HOURS!

NO WONDER
PEOPLE ARE FREAKING
OUT! THIS LOOKS LIKE
SOME KIND OF GLOBAL
SUPERHUMAN
TERRORIST ATTACK!
WE HAVE TO DO
SOMETHING!

HAWKMAN

SUCH AS?
HAVE THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE ISSUE A
STATEMENT?

WALLY, THERE
IS NO JUSTICE
LEAGUE RIGHT NOW,
REMEMBER? YOU
DISBANDED!

--SUPERMAN AND
DOCTOR FATE SIMPLY
FLED THE SMOLDERING
BUILDING.

MY GOD...
CLARK...

...THOSE...
THOSE WERE
INNOCENT
PEOPLE.

FAKE
INNOCENT
PEOPLE--BUT
THE PUBLIC
BELIEVES
IT.

METROPOLIS.
THE DAILY PLANET
**OFFICE OF EDITOR-
IN-CHIEF LOIS LANE.**

CLARK,
WHERE ARE YOU
GOING?

TO CALM
THE PUBLIC.
SOMEHOW.

MS. LANE!

LUCILLE,
I'M BUSY--

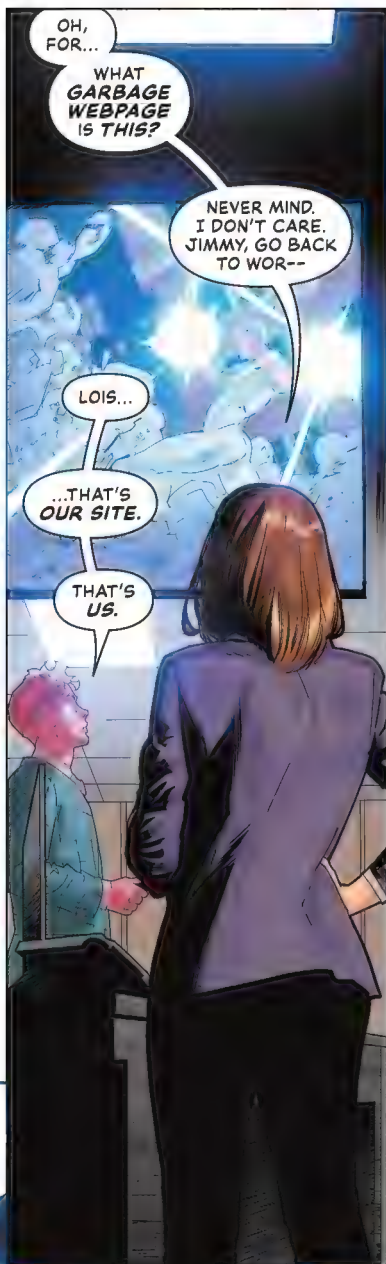
BUT MS. LANE,
WE'RE GETTING LEFT
BEHIND! THESE STORIES
ARE RUNNING ON EVERY
NEWS SITE IN THE
COUNTRY EXCEPT
OURS!

BECAUSE NONE OF
IT'S YET **CONFIRMED!**
ARE YOU **NEW** HERE? YOU
KNOW HOW THE MEDIA
PANICS ABOUT NOT
BEING LAST WITH
THE STORY!

THEY REPORT **FIRST,**
THEN VERIFY! THE PLANET
DOES NOT AND **WILL NOT** RUN
UNVERIFIED AND SPECULATIVE
CONTENT. **IS THAT**
UNDERSTOOD?

YES,
MA'AM.

UHH... **LOIS?**
YOU'RE GONNA
WANT TO **SEE**
THIS.



OH,
FOR...

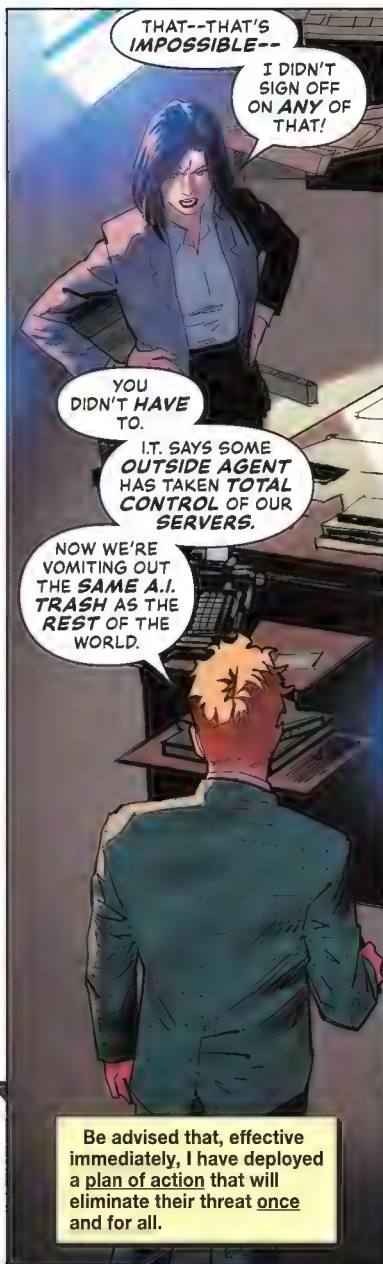
WHAT
GARBAGE
WEBPAGE
IS THIS?

NEVER MIND.
I DON'T CARE.
JIMMY, GO BACK
TO WOR--

LOIS...

...THAT'S
OUR SITE.

THAT'S
US.



THAT--THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE--

I DIDN'T
SIGN OFF
ON ANY OF
THAT!

YOU
DIDN'T HAVE
TO.

I.T. SAYS SOME
OUTSIDE AGENT
HAS TAKEN TOTAL
CONTROL OF OUR
SERVERS.

NOW WE'RE
VOMITING OUT
THE SAME A.I.
TRASH AS THE
REST OF THE
WORLD.

Be advised that, effective immediately, I have deployed a plan of action that will eliminate their threat once and for all.



UNBELIEVABLE.

OVERNIGHT.
I MEAN, OVERNIGHT!
HOW COULD SOMETHING
LIKE THIS HAPPEN
SO FAST?

"WHO COULD BE
BEHIND THIS?"

Signed,

Amanda Waller
Amanda Waller



HALL OF ORDER.
HEADQUARTERS,
GOVERNMENT BUREAU
OF SOVEREIGNTY.

AMANDA?
THE **WHITE
HOUSE** IS PUBLICLY
DISAVOWING OUR
OPERATION.

THEY SAY
THAT OUR REMIT IS
TO **MONITOR** HEROES,
NOT CREATE **PANIC**,
OR HACK THE
INTERNET.

SARGE STEEL

SECOND IN
COMMAND

AMANDA
WALLER

HEAD OF THE
SOVEREIGNTY
BUREAU

OUR **REMIT** IS
WHATEVER I **SAY** IT IS,
STEEL. AND I LET THE
PRESIDENT'S **SPEECH** GET
NO FURTHER THAN THE
ROSE GARDEN. RIGHT
NOW, WE CONTROL
ALL MEDIA.

WELL, THE
POLLS CONTINUE TO
SHOW AN HOURLY **UPTICK**
IN "SUPER-PARANOIA." THE
DISINFORMATION'S
WORKING.

CALLING IT
"**DISINFORMATION**" ISN'T
REALLY FAIR. I'VE SAID IT FOR
YEARS. "**SUPERHEROES**" ARE
ANYTHING **BUT**. THEY **CREATE**
MORE TROUBLE THAN
THEY **AVERT**.

THEY HAVE
ABSOLUTE POWER,
AND THEY ANSWER TO
NO ONE. THEY ADHERE TO A
CHILD'S IDEA OF MORALITY,
AND LIKE ALL CHILDREN, THEY
OCCASIONALLY HAVE
TANTRUMS.

TANTRUMS
THAT COULD TURN
THIS WORLD TO
ASH.

I CALL THAT
INFORMATION.
WE'RE SIMPLY
REMINING
PEOPLE OF THAT
FACT.

IT'S **UNBELIEVABLE** HOW WRONG THE **LUTHORS** AND **JOKERS** OF THE WORLD HAVE GOTTEN IT ALL THIS TIME...

YOU DON'T NEED **FEAR GAS** TO SHIFT PUBLIC OPINION. YOU DON'T NEED **TELEPATHIC MIND CONTROL**.

IN A WORLD RUN IN A MEDIA ECHO CHAMBER, NO MATTER **HOW** MANY BUSLOADS OF NUNS SUPERMAN SAVES, YOU CAN MAKE AN UNCOMFORTABLY LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE **DOUBT THEIR OWN EYES AND EARS**.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS **REFINE** YOUR **MESSAGE** INTO A **MEMORABLE CATCHPHRASE**-- "**SUPERHEROES ARE COMING FOR YOU**"--

--AND **REPEAT IT FIFTY THOUSAND TIMES**.

WHAT...?
WAIT.
WHO IS--

YOU'VE HEARD OF **BRAINIAC**. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THOSE **OTHER GODS** **SUPERMAN** FIGHTS ALL THE TIME? MEET THE "**BRIDE OF**."

HIS FAILED ATTEMPT TO CREATE A **MATE**, NOW UNDER MY **SUPERVISION**.

A **SENTIENT ULTRACOMPUTER** AND THE **LINCHPIN** OF THIS WHOLE **OPERATION**.

FAILSAFE

KNIGHT WITHOUT MERCY

WINNING A WAR
IS ABOUT KEEPING
THE ENEMY OFF
BALANCE.

DID YOU NOT STOP
TO THINK HOW MUCH
POWER AND DATA IT
TAKES TO SEIZE HALF
THE INTERNET AND
MASS-DISPERSE ALL
THAT FOOTAGE?

AMANDA,
IT'S TIME FOR
PHASE TWO.

I'LL
BE RIGHT
THERE.

YOU
SEEM TO HAVE
CONCERNS.

NO.

YES.

NO. I SWORE
TO **PROTECT**
THIS COUNTRY FROM
INVADERS **FOREIGN**
AND **DOMESTIC**.

THERE'S NOT
A LOT OF ROOM FOR
INTERPRETATION
THERE, NOT REALLY. NOT
OBJECTIVELY.

THIS WAR...
AMANDA'S WAR...
HAS BEEN BREWING FOR
YEARS, THEN ERUPTING
OVER JUST A FEW
WEEKS.

THE CONFLICT
WITH **WONDER
WOMAN** AND THE
AMAZONS...

...THE
TITANS SEIZING
MILITARY POWER IN
THE NAME OF "**HEROISM**,"
FIGHTING A WORLDWIDE
CRISIS THEY WERE
RESPONSIBLE FOR...

AMANDA SEES METAHUMANS
AS SELF-GOVERNING AGENTS
OF **CHAOS** WHO ARE AS MUCH
A **THREAT** TO HUMANITY AS
THEY ARE A **SOLUTION**.

WORLDWIDE
ORDER. THAT'S
WHAT AMANDA
WANTS.

"WANTS? OR *DESIRES*?
BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT
I CAN'T HELP BEING
CONCERNED ABOUT.

"A *WANT* CAN
BE ACHIEVED.

"A *DESIRE*...

"...A *DESIRE* IS A VOID
THAT NOTHING CAN EVER
COMPLETELY FILL.

"IT WILL ALWAYS
BE HUNGRY."

AMANDA?

AMANDA,
YOU SUMMONED
ME?

DREAMER

**DRAFTED INTO WALLER'S
SUICIDE SQUAD**

STAND BY,
MS. NAL. WE MAY BE
NEEDING YOUR DREAM-
WALKING SKILLS
SOON.

WE HAVE SOME
VERY INTERESTING
PLACES TO GO.

**TASK FORCE
VII IS READY FOR
DEPLOYMENT.**

**EACH HAS BEEN ASSIGNED
ITS SPECIFIC TARGETS
AND WILL BE BACKED BY
ONE OF SARGE STEEL'S
CLEANUP SQUADS.**

**AND WHEN THEY'RE
DONE, WE WILL
FINALLY--FINALLY--
HAVE ORDER IN THIS
WORLD. JUST GIVE
THE WORD.**

THE
WORD IS
GIVEN.

**TASK FORCE:
BEGIN THE
HUNT.**



TITANS TOWER.

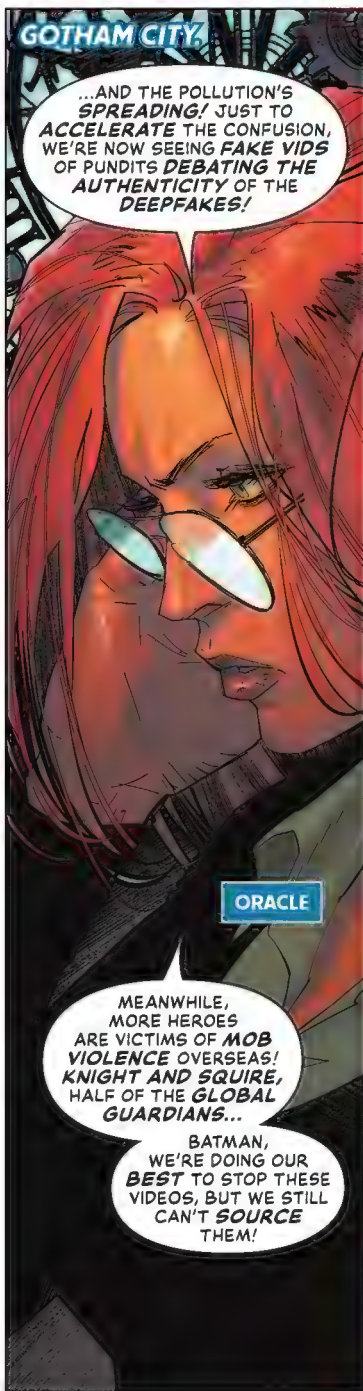
CYBORG

NNGGGHH!

VIC?
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

THESE
AREN'T--NNHH--JUST
FIREWALLS I'M HITTING!
THEY'RE ACTIVE
DEFENSES!

THE
HARDER I
PUSH--THE FASTER
MY CIRCUITS
BURN!



GOTHAM CITY.

...AND THE POLLUTION'S
SPREADING! JUST TO
ACCELERATE THE CONFUSION,
WE'RE NOW SEEING FAKE VIDS
OF PUNDITS DEBATING THE
AUTHENTICITY OF THE
DEEPPAKES!

ORACLE

MEANWHILE,
MORE HEROES
ARE VICTIMS OF MOB
VIOLENCE OVERSEAS!
KNIGHT AND SQUIRE,
HALF OF THE GLOBAL
GUARDIANS...

BATMAN,
WE'RE DOING OUR
BEST TO STOP THESE
VIDEOS, BUT WE STILL
CAN'T SOURCE
THEM!



THEY'RE
LAYERED BEHIND
FIREWALLS THAT LOOK
ABSOLUTELY ALIEN
TO ME!

I PULLED
DOC MAGNUS
AND FREDDIE MARTIN IN
TO HELP YOU! YOU'RE OUR
ONLY HOPE OF SLOWING
THE EFFECTS OF
THESE HACKS!



BLÜDHAVEN

THE REST OF US HAVE
HIT THE STREETS SO WE CAN
BE SEEN COUNTERING
THE NARRATIVE.

THIS IS
AMANDA WALLER'S
DOING. I JUST KNOW IT.
SHE'S BEEN ACHING TO
FULLY DISCREDIT US IN
THE PUBLIC EYE.

JUST
WATCH YOUR BACKS.
TERRIFIED CIVILIANS
ARE COMING AT US FROM
ALL SIDES--

LONDON.

J'ONN J'ONZZ,
BLUE BEETLE
BOOSTER GOLD,
FIRE, ICE,
ELONGATED MAN

--SO REMEMBER
THERE IS **SAFETY** IN
NUMBERS. WHEREVER YOU
ARE, FIND **OTHERS** AND STAY
GROUPED AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE.

IN THE MEANTIME,
IF ANYONE KNOWS A
HERO WHO'S NOT USING
THIS EMERGENCY PRIVATE
INFRAFREQUENCY,
PLEASE CONTACT
THEM.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

RED TORNADO,
NATASHA IRONS

THEY HAVE
TO KNOW **HOW**
CRUCIAL IT IS TO STAY
VISIBLE WHILE WE
STRATEGIZE.

IT'S THE
ONLY WAY WE'RE
GOING TO REGAIN
THE PUBLIC'S
TRUST.



METROPOLIS.

SUPERBOY AND
JON KENT

BLAM BLAM

GUNSHOTS.
SOUNDED LIKE THEY
WERE COMING
FROM--

DAD!

DAD, I'VE
GOT YOU!
CONNER, HE'S
BEEN SHOT IN
THE CHEST!

HOW? HE'S
SUPERMAN!

I CAN HEAR
HIS PULSE
FADING!

DAD!

KEYSTONE
CITY.

TEAM
METROPOLIS,
IS THAT YOU?
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

METROPOLIS,
COME IN!

WE GOTTA
GET HIM TO
A HOSPITAL!
HURRY!

BATMAN, THIS
IS **SUPERBOY!**
APPARENTLY,
SUPERMAN'S
LOST HIS--

--HIS--

--POWERS--!

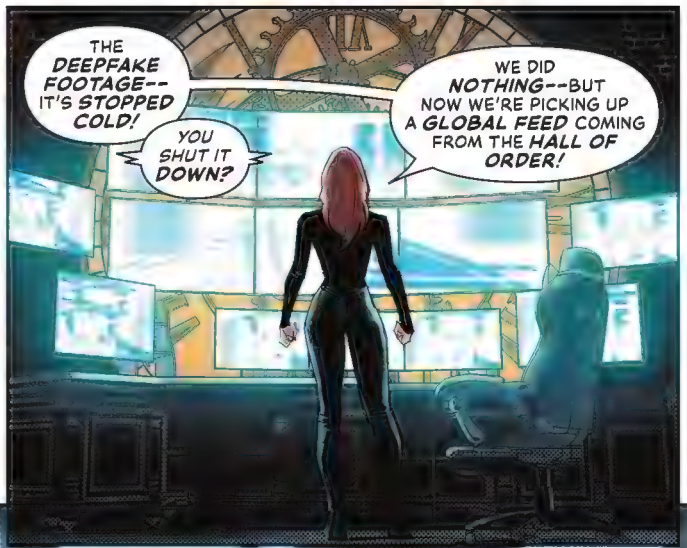
SUPERBOY?

THOOM



SUPERBOY?
SUPERBOY, DO YOU
READ ME?

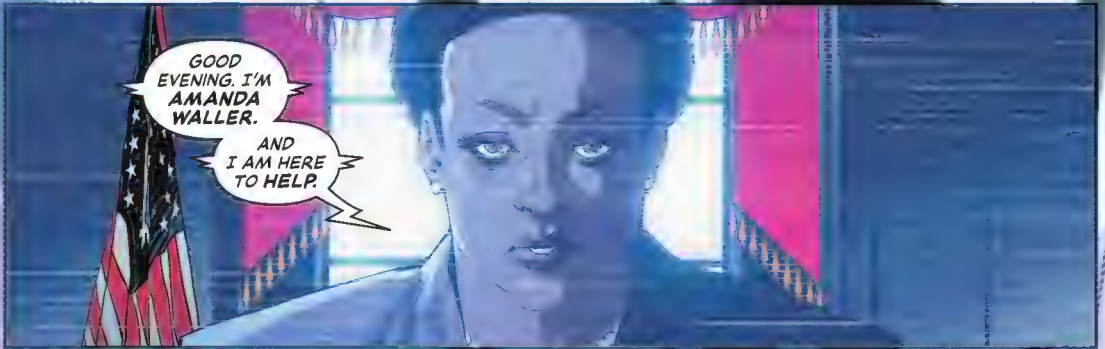
BATMAN, THIS
IS ORACLE!



THE
DEEFAKE
FOOTAGE--
IT'S STOPPED
COLD!

YOU
SHUT IT
DOWN?

WE DID
NOTHING--BUT
NOW WE'RE PICKING UP
A GLOBAL FEED COMING
FROM THE HALL OF
ORDER!



GOOD
EVENING. I'M
AMANDA
WALLER.

AND
I AM HERE
TO HELP.

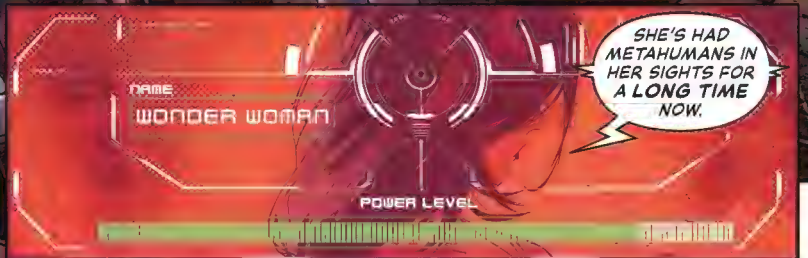
GEORGETOWN.



WONDER WOMAN, JUSTICE
LEAGUE DARK, THE CAPTAIN,
AND MARY MARVEL.

WALLER.

NIGHTWING
WAS RIGHT.



NAME
WONDER WOMAN

POWER LEVEL

SHE'S HAD
METAHUMANS IN
HER SIGHTS FOR
A LONG TIME
NOW.

THE BATTERY, NEW YORK.

JUSTICE SOCIETY
OF AMERICA

LANTERN!
STARGIRL!
LOOK OUT!

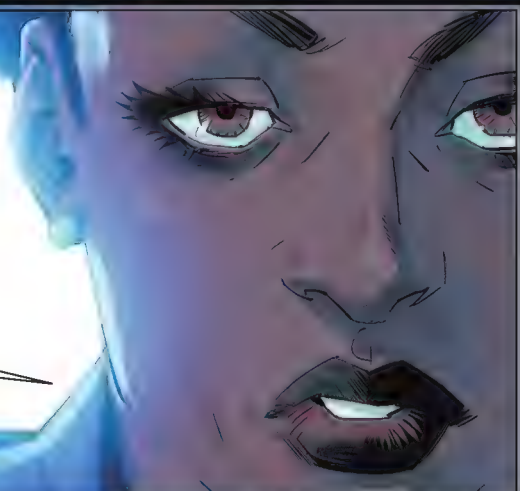
BATMAN,
WE'RE UNDER
SIEGE!



LIKE ALL OF YOU,
WE HERE AT THE U.S.
BUREAU OF SOVEREIGNTY
HAVE BEEN HORRIFIED BY THE NOW-
CONSTANT DANGER OF DEVASTATING
METAHUMAN ATTACKS
AGAINST ORDINARY
CITIZENS.

BUT WE NEED
NO LONGER LIVE IN FEAR.
NOT FOR OURSELVES, NOT
FOR OUR CHILDREN. NOT
AFTER TODAY.

EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY, IN THE
WAKE OF THESE UNPRECEDENTED
SUPERHUMAN STRIKES THAT
HAVE CLAIMED SO MANY LIVES
WORLDWIDE THESE LAST
FEW DAYS--

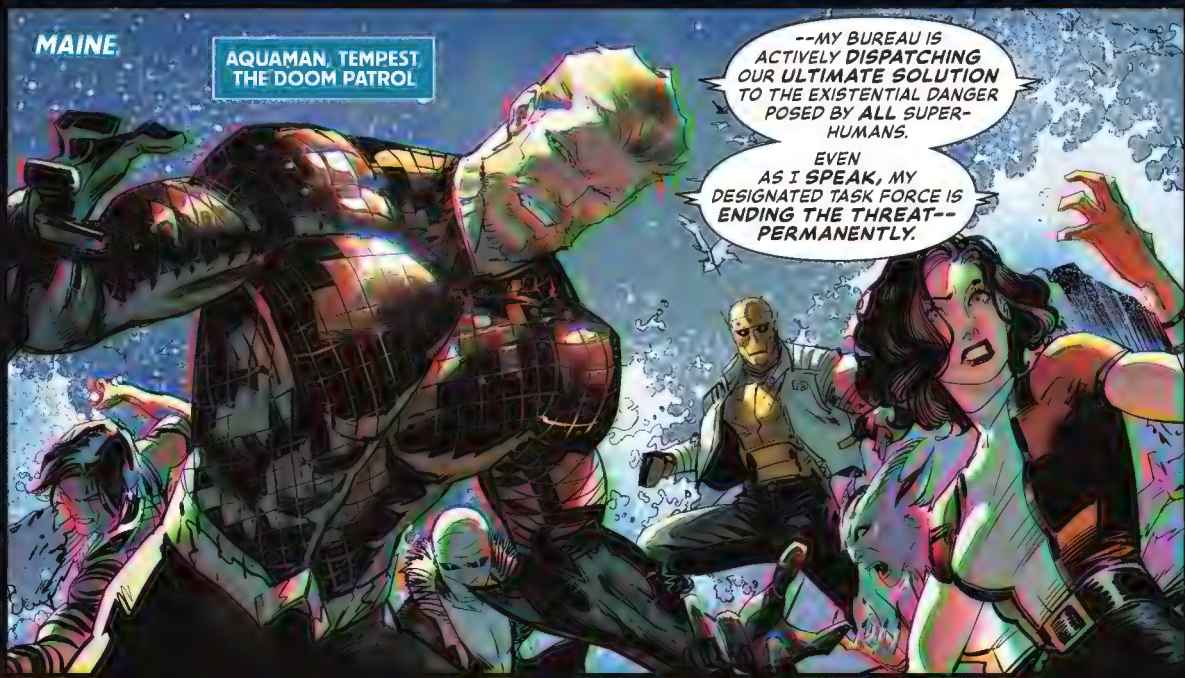


MAINE

AQUAMAN, TEMPEST,
THE DOOM PATROL

--MY BUREAU IS
ACTIVELY DISPATCHING
OUR ULTIMATE SOLUTION
TO THE EXISTENTIAL DANGER
POSED BY ALL SUPER-
HUMANS.

EVEN
AS I SPEAK, MY
DESIGNATED TASK FORCE IS
ENDING THE THREAT--
PERMANENTLY.





PERMA--?

WHAT IS
SHE TALKING
ABOUT?

AND SINCE
WHEN DOES AMANDA
WALLER ADDRESS THE
PUBLIC? SHE'D NEVER
SHOW HER HAND
UNLESS--



--MY
GOD--

FATHER?
FATHER, WHAT'S
WRONG?

I...
HOW DID I
NOT...

...HOW COULD
I POSSIBLY
HAVE MISSED
IT...?

FATHER?

WALLER
WOULD
NEVER GO THIS
ROUTE--



--UNLESS
SHE THINKS SHE'S
ALREADY
WON.



WHABOOM

CENTRAL CITY

THE FLASH FAMILY

BATMAN, SEND
HELP! CENTRAL
CITY'S...UNDER
ASSAULT...!

DAMN
IT!

WE PLAYED
RIGHT INTO HER
HANDS!

THIS WAS THE
REAL PURPOSE OF
THE GLOBAL HACK--
TO LURE US ALL INTO
THE OPEN!

I MADE
A MASSIVE
MISCALCULATION!
ALL THIS TIME,
I THOUGHT WALLER
WAS PLAYING
CHESS!

THAT I
COULD OUTWIT
HER IF I WAS
JUST CLEVER
ENOUGH!

BUT SHE'S
NOT PLAYING
CHESS!



SHE'S
ROLLING
TANKS!



**SURRENDER
TO US. RESISTANCE
IS POINTLESS.**

**IF YOU HAVE
SUPERPOWERS, WE
WILL TAKE THEM.**



**IF YOU UTILIZE
DEVICES, WE
WILL DRAIN
THEM.**

**SPECTRE,
GO!**

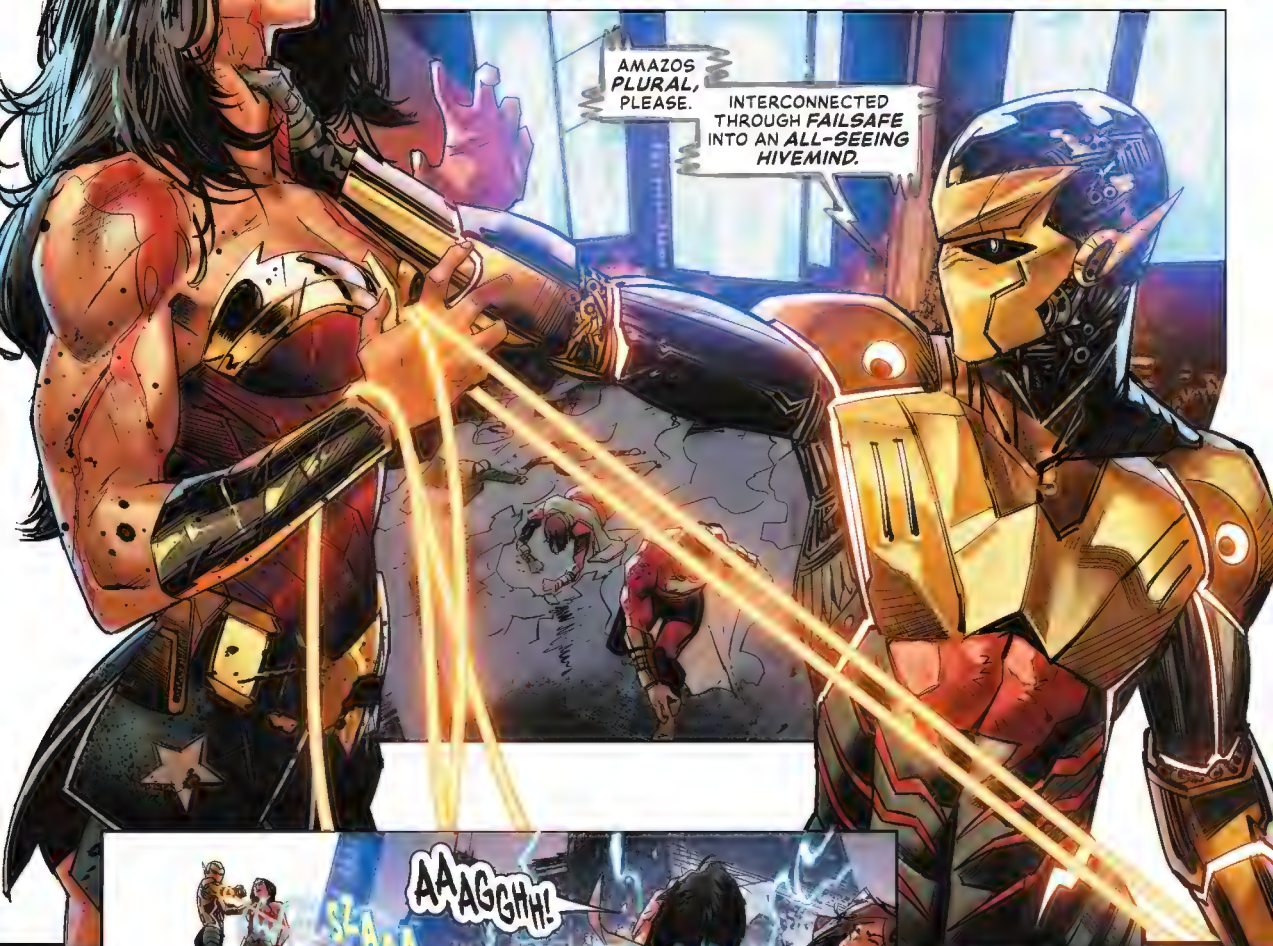


**IF YOU USE *MAGIC*,
YOU WILL NO LONGER
REMEMBER HOW TO
CONJURE IT.**

...SPECTRE...?



BATMAN, THE
POWER THIEF--
IT'S AMAZO!



AMAZOS
PLURAL,
PLEASE.

INTERCONNECTED
THROUGH FAILSAFE
INTO AN ALL-SEEING
HIVEMIND.



AAAGGH!
SLAAAK!

FAILSAFE?
THE UBER-
BATMAN?

YOU
SAID HE WAS
DEAD!

HE'S
TEAMED
UP WITH
WALLER?



EVERYONE
LISTEN TO ME!
THESE AREN'T ISOLATED
STRIKES! THIS IS A
BLITZKRIEG!



EVERYONE
WHO CAN **ESCAPE**,
RETREAT FOR
NOW! GO!

SSSSSSSS



STAY CONNECTED
AND WAIT FOR FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS! WALLER
DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT
THIS FREQUENCY--

INCORRECT,
BATS.

WH--?

**GREEN
ARROW? ARE YOU
INJURED? WHERE
ARE YOU?**

ON THE
RIGHT SIDE OF
HISTORY,
PAL.

I'M SORRY--
I REALLY AM--BUT
I'VE BEEN WARNING ALL
YOU SUPER-FOLKS FOR A LONG
TIME THAT US HUMANS
DON'T APPRECIATE BEING
LOOKED DOWN ON.
AND YOU WOULDN'T
LISTEN TO ME.

SURE, YOU'RE
GREAT AT **CAPPING
VOLCANOES...**BUT FIXING
SOCIETY'S REAL PROBLEMS?
ACTUALLY EMPOWERING THE
POWERLESS? EFFECTING
ACTUAL CHANGE?

YOU GET
AN "F" FOR
"EFFORT."

ARROW,
YOU'RE TALKING
NONSENSE!
YOU'RE ONE
OF US!

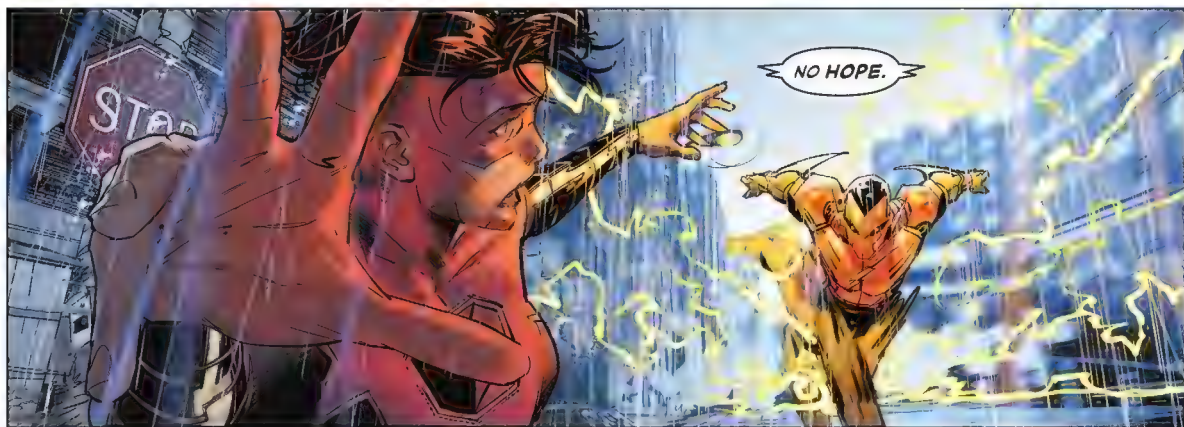
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ANYMORE.

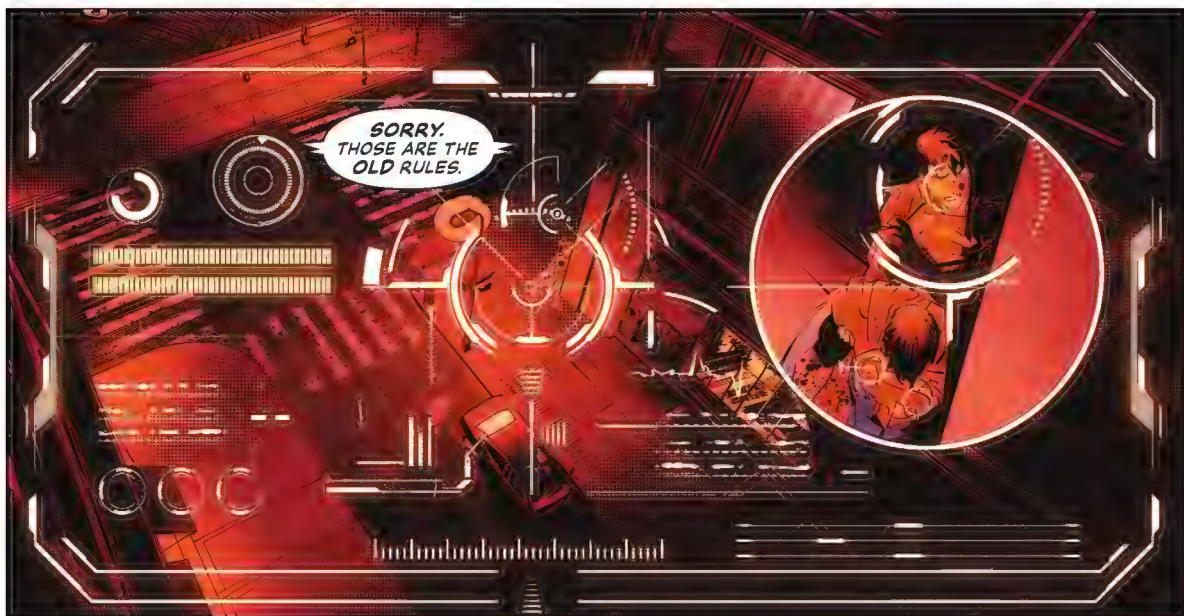


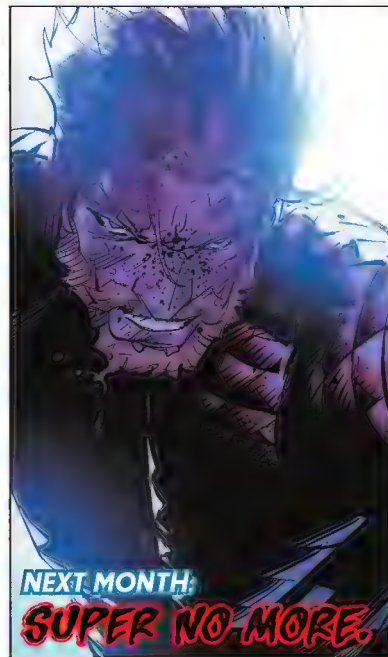
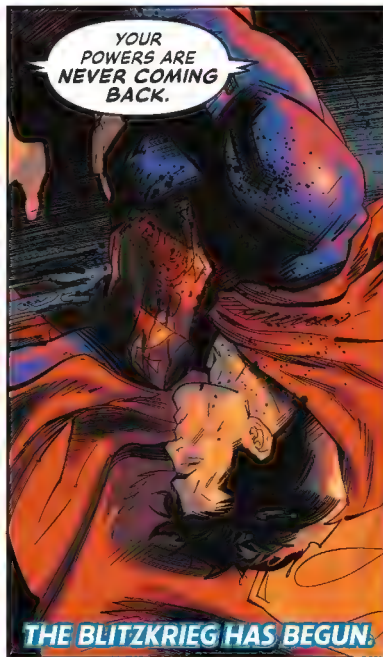
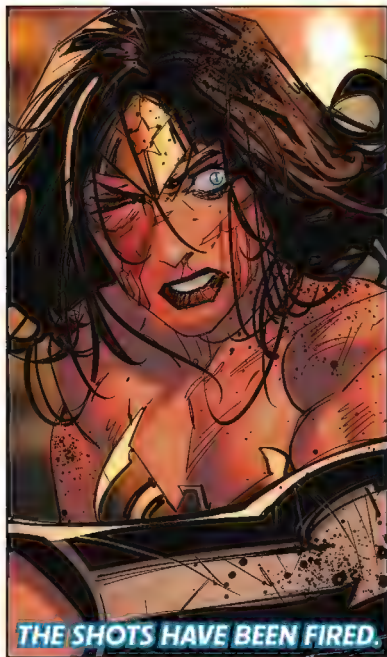
I'M
ON TEAM
WALLER
NOW.

AND
WE'RE COMING
FOR YOU.









WHERE...

...WHERE
AM I...?

WHY *CAN'T*
I FEEL MY
ARMS...

...MY
LEGS...?

WHY IS IT
SO COLD?

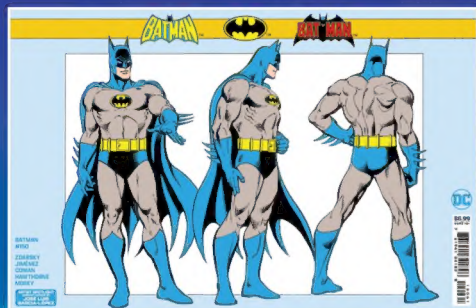
WHO...



...WHO
AM I...?

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LEGENDARY ARTIST JOSÉ LUIS GARCÍA-LÓPEZ GETS THE SPOTLIGHT IN THESE AWE-INSPIRING VARIANT COVERS!



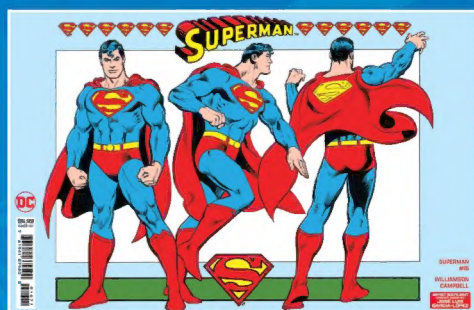
BATMAN #150



SHAZAM! #13



GREEN LANTERN #13



SUPERMAN #16



Wonder Woman #11



GREEN ARROW #14



THE FLASH #11

ABSOLUTE POWER

INTERVIEW WITH MARK WAID

Thanks to the combined forces of Failsafe and the Brainiac Queen, Amanda Waller has stolen the metahuman abilities of every hero and villain on Earth. But it's not the powers that make DC's heroes super, and in *Absolute Power* by the superstar team of writer Mark Waid and artist Dan Mora, a resistance will rise to take the fight to Waller's Task Force VII—though the odds have never been worse for our heroes.

Mark, what does taking away the powers of DC's heroes allow you to explore in these characters that fans haven't seen before?

Genuine, down-to-the-bone fear. Not only are the heroes utterly powerless, but every resource has been taken from them. Because Waller knows everyone's secret identity, she's been able to cut heroes off from their home bases and strip them of their equipment—no Batcave for you, Bruce, no Terrifitech for you, Mr. Terrific, no lasso for you, Wonder Woman. She's sealed the timestream. She's walled off the Multiverse and the Microverse. She's had the Earth quarantined by the United Planets, leaving the heroes nowhere to run, nowhere to retreat. Ordinary people won't help the heroes because Waller's used AI fake news to convince humanity that the heroes have gone berserk. And the relentless Amazons just won't stop hunting them, not for one second.

Remember, I've read every single DC superhero comic ever, and I am here to tell you, I set out to make things more hopeless for our heroes than they have ever been. And that's just in the first issue.

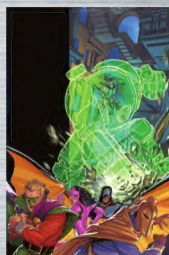
***Absolute Power* encompasses multiple heroes and villains from across the DC Universe. Who are you having the most fun writing in this story? Which characters should readers keep an eye on that might be unexpected?**

I think everyone will be surprised at who's leading the powerless heroes—it's not Superman, Batman, or Wonder Woman, but the choice, to me, was obvious. Jon Kent and Dreamer have also become major players, as has Steve Trevor.

Plus, from the Island of Totally Forgotten Heroes, we've drafted Air Wave into the fight for a very specific reason. And what the hell is happening with Green Arrow, man?

Fans are familiar with the pairing of you and Dan Mora from *Batman/Superman: World's Finest*, but what are you seeing from his work in *Absolute Power* that has surprised you?

I didn't know Dan *could* surprise me any further, but I was wrong. The stakes in *Absolute Power* are so, so much higher than they are in *World's Finest*, and Dan expertly creates a sense of dread that permeates every page of this book.



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